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IMPROVED FARM HOMES.
State Government Supplying Country Dwellers With Designs For Houses.
Farmers and village dwellers in the state of Minnesota are now being supplied with designs for modern artistic houses by the state government. This is the result of competitions held to procure plans for model farmhouses, model village houses and model landscape designs. Persons who dwell in houses of the "shoe box" sort may now have the service of the most skilled architects placed at their disposal practically free.
More comfortable and convenient farmhouses will make better contented farmers, farmers' wives, farmers' children, will lessen the desolation of old and young to the city and will make the life of the farmer's family more efficient and beautiful. This is the reasoning that led the Minnesota state art commission to develop a real program relating to art and agriculture.
Thirty excellent and practical farmhouse designs resulted from the competitions. The commission has distributed plans; it has circulated exhibitions of "model farm home" plans to farmers' institutes, short courses and to cities and towns throughout Minnesota; it made a small model showing the house in miniature painted in an appropriate color scheme.
The commission sends full size working drawings and specifications of its first prize design farmhouse, village house and landscape designs to people living within Minnesota for the small fee of \$3.50.
This better housing program is supplementary to the other work of the commission. It tends to towns and cities throughout the state exhibitions of all kinds. It brings into the state each year a collection of the best American contemporary art. It circulates exhibits of industrial art, sculpture, home furnishings, home industries and school art. It organizes home industries and handicraft classes and puts into the field specialists to teach such work. And it has been successful in finding a market for the product.

Extend City Planning.
English and French town planners are now at work upon a comprehensive plan for the reconstruction of Belgium. We fortunately have not gone through the tragedy of the devastating influence that the little country of the north of Europe has been subjected to, but such city and state engineering, grafting contracting interests, inefficient and grasping corporation methods have all conspired in the destructive work of isolation of communities from each other and have fostered provincialism, with its destructive effects of reduced co-operation, unfair and wasteful competition and unsympathetic division of interests, says Carl A. Johnson in the Town Improvement Magazine.
Competition by isolation has had its day, and we are beginning to learn that the business interests of individuals as well as the interests of the cities can best be served by intensive co-operation rather than by blundering and isolated competition. To accomplish this comprehensive community planning that will respect no artificial political or social boundaries and which will intensify human contact by a co-ordination of the human activities on the broadest possible scale is necessary.
We are ready in this country for something more extensive and more comprehensive than city planning. We need the adequate planning of great areas of our country that will allow our cities and states to work together for the development and efficient use of our natural and human resources and give every community a chance to take its place in the work of developing its natural and human potentialities.

The Neglected House Number.
Without realizing it the home builders and home owners of this country have shivered the poor house number into a rut, out of which it will take months and probably years for it to climb, says Albert Marple in the Country Magazine. People seem not to have awakened to the fact that the house number is really a part of the home, that it is always placed in a position where it is seen by the passing public and that it is entitled to consideration as surely as the porch, the chimney or the pillar. Numbers set in an original surrounding cause one to forget that they are the same old metal figures that are to be seen on every hand. It is not difficult to devise something new in the way of a house number—something that is a credit to the home and which will put the number on a level with all its other features.

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MANCHESTER
S. J. Calahan is visiting friends in Troy.
Mrs. Moses of Bennington was in town last week.
Mrs. Earle S. Marsh is spending a few days in Troy, N. Y.
Mrs. Arthur B. Marsden spent the first of the week in Rutland.
John Balch is visiting friends in Shaftsbury and Bennington.
The Methodist Workers met Wednesday with Mrs. J. B. Covey.
Regular service at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.
Mrs. E. H. Holden of Bennington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thayer.
St. Margaret's Guild will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. William Wilson.
Mrs. Emma Hurd died at her home Monday after a few weeks illness.
The Service club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. N. Chesbroun.
Mrs. Henry Slade is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Kelley in Ludlow, Vt.
Rev. William Warlow of Arlington was a recent guest of Rev. W. H. Bamford.
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Connor, Mrs. Albert Pettibone and son spent Tuesday in Bennington.
Rev. and Mrs. William Chapman returned Tuesday from a visit in Glens Falls, N. Y.
Mrs. McDonald of Manchester, N. H., was in town Saturday to call on her uncle, John Gifford.
Rev. W. H. Bamford, who has been visiting in Jeffersonville, has returned. Mrs. Bamford will return next week.
Rev. Joseph Brown was in Rutland Monday of this week attending the Shaftsbury Baptist ministers association.
The many friends of Earle M. Storrs are glad to see him back home and to know that he has nearly recovered from his hospital experience.
Regular service Sunday morning in the Methodist church. In the evening there will be a union service of the Methodist and Baptist at the Baptist church.
The Christian Endeavor society will hold a service next Sunday at 4 o'clock in the school house in Bennington. Topic, How the denominations may be united in service.
The World Temperance Sunday

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will be observed at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. A union temperance program will be given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and Sunday schools. All are cordially invited.
The funeral of the late Mrs. H. Townsend, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earle Taylor in Bennington last Friday, was held Sunday afternoon. Rev. S. K. Perkins officiated. The burial was in the family lot in Dellwood cemetery, Manchester.
The Manchester Ministers club will meet at the Colburn House at 1 p. m. as guests of Rev. W. H. Bamford Monday, Nov. 15. Rev. S. K. Perkins will present a review of Smith, "The Soul of Germany." Members intending to be present please notify the club secretary, Rev. Joseph S. Brown.
The regular meeting of Battenkill Valley Grange held Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: W. M., Henry Chapman; W. O., Robert Anderson; W. S. A. J. Davis; assistant steward, Charles Sailer; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Elmer Wood; lecturer, Mrs. Henry Chapman; worthy chaplain, Mrs. Bert Wilford; treasurer, Mrs. H. N. Shaw; secretary, M. J. Boisford; gate keeper, Robert Lincoln; Corda Elizabeth Covey; Pannons, Bernice Hosley; Flora, Mrs. Julia Covey.

Beth Sturg.
Some time ago an eminent London physician requested an equally eminent surgeon to accompany him to see a distinguished but slippery patient. The patient was exceedingly polite to both the medical gentlemen, shaking hands with them and bowing them out of the room in the most affable manner. Soon after this professional visit the same physician called again on the surgeon, requesting him to accompany him to see another patient. On their way thither the surgeon observed, "I hope this patient will behave more liberally than the last did."
"Why?" said the M. D. "Did he not give you a fee?"
"Not a shilling," was the reply.
"Indeed!" said the eminent physician, with a toss of the head. "Why, he bartered 2 guineas from me to give to you!"

Quick Story Telling.
Miss Bernhardt is fond of relating a very funny experience she had during her early days as an actress with an actor who was something of a wit and who was addicted to "mugging."
"It is so long ago," she says, "that I recall neither the play nor the scene, only the part wherein the scene was spoiled. The hero said to me, 'Do you object to this light?' which he had already lighted and was peering vigorously."
"No, no, no!" I answered, which was the cue for him to tell me the story of his life.
"He looked at me instead and said, 'Rolling the clear between his fingers, 'That, madame, is because you do not have to smoke it!'
"The audience appreciated the fact that he was smoking a cigar furnished by the property man, and roared with laughter, but this interference made him forget his lines. He could not remember a word, so, telling my arm, he said, 'Come with me for a walk, and I will tell you the story of my life!'
"We walked up the stairs and on at the next entrance, which required no more than two seconds of time, and then he said, 'Now I have told you the story of my life!'"

The Scrap Book
A Match For "Tad."
T. A. Dorman, the cartoonist, was trying to fire a clip about the other day and went about it in his usually breezy style. "When the best applicant appeared Tad said, 'Of course I want a man who can speak French, play pinocle, carry a horse and make a lockout.'"
"Well, I can do 'em all and still have a few tricks up my sleeve," said the candidate, with a flourish of the handkerchief.
"Tad looked him over and then said suddenly: 'I don't know, when I hear your face and see your teeth pointed up that way it strikes me 'as come easy to me.'"
"You are wrong," said the driver. "I am not a hard drinker. It comes easy to me."—Cartoon Magazine.

The Larger Life.
Oh, may I join the choir invisible Of those immortal dead who live again In minds made better by their presence; live In pulses stirred to generosity, In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn For miserable aims that end with self, In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars, And with their mild persistence urge man's search To vaster issues.
—George Eliot.

His Heavy Voice.
Some time ago the guests at a reception were discussing the relative merits of several songsters, when one of the party turned to a man named Brown.
"By the way, Brown," said he, "you are something of a singer, are you not?"
"Not on your life," was the emphatic response of Brown. "I never sang a note that somebody didn't threaten to send in a riot call. You are probably thinking of my brother."
"Perhaps I am," was the thoughtful rejoinder of the other. "Has he a heavy bass voice?"
"Yes," smiled Brown, "so durned heavy that it makes him howl before he can carry it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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